

Brookhaven's "Mr. P" Pities the April Fool Who Doesn't I.D. Their Pets

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Animal Shelter Offers Free Pet Identifications for April Fools' Weekend



Pictured above is Mr. P, the Pit Bull that makes sure all members of his Animal Shelter "A-Team" have identification on them.

Farmingville, NY - In honor of April Fools' Day, Supervisor Mark Lesko and Councilwoman Jane Bonner have announced that on Saturday March 31st from 10:00am to 12:00pm and Sunday April 1st from 12:00pm to 2:00pm, the Brookhaven Animal Shelter will be offering pet owners the opportunity to collar, tag, or micro-chip for their pet at no cost. The mascot for the event is the lovable Mr. P, a resident Pit Bull who "pities the April fool who doesn't put I.D. on their pets."

"Director Dori Scofield and every one at the Animal Shelter should be commended for the excellent work that they do on a daily basis to keep our Town's pets in safe, caring environments. They are our true 'A-Team,'" said Supervisor Mark Lesko, "It is truly heartbreaking when the family pet goes astray. Micro-chips and I.D. tags give our four legged friends a better chance of returning to their loving homes, rather than being brought into the shelter."

Councilwoman Jane Bonner said "I strongly encourage all pet owners within the Town to take Mr. P's word and visit the Animal Shelter this weekend to take advantage of this fantastic offer. By providing your furry friend with identification, whether it's a microchip or a simple tag, you will help your pet find its way back home." The Brookhaven Town Animal Shelter has been very progressive in launching programs to increase adoption rates and pet retention and get animals spayed and neutered, especially focusing on the large population of Pit Bulls and Pit Mixes at the Animal Shelter.

Last year, the Animal Shelter introduced "Spay it Forward", a program that offers incentives to get animals spayed and neutered. For every Pit Bull that a resident gets spayed or neutered, the owner will receive a voucher to help another needy Pit Bull to receive the same services. The Animal Shelter is also providing free micro-chipping, vaccines, heartworm testing, and collars for anyone who gets their Pit Bull spayed or neutered.

The Brookhaven Bully Alliance (BBA) encourages other animal rescues to adopt Pit Bulls from the Brookhaven animal shelter and find homes for them. Every shelter dog that enters the BBA program is professionally evaluated, spayed or neutered, vaccinated and micro-chipped. \$250 goes to each participating organization for the care of the animal.

Together these programs have helped over 200 Pit Bulls throughout the area.

An affiliate of the Town of Brookhaven Animal Shelter and Adoption Center is The Help the Animals Fund. Their mission is to prevent cruelty to animals and to provide sick, neglected and injured stray animals at the Brookhaven Animal Shelter the much needed and deserved medical care that they would otherwise not receive. This fund is supported 100% by voluntary donations, which are tax deductible. The Help the Animals Fund makes programs like Spay it Forward and the Brookhaven Bully Alliance possible.

The Animal Shelter is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is located at 300 Horseblock Road in Brookhaven, New York, 11719. For more information, call the Brookhaven Animal Shelter and Adoption Center at 631-286-4940 or visit www.brookhaven.org/animalshelter.

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